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Greensboro Police Test Advanced Tasers

GREENSBORO, NC (July 19, 2004) – Starting July 20, the Greensboro Police Department will conduct a study to determine if the X26 Advanced Taser is a viable option when confronting combative subjects. Research from other police departments has shown the Advanced Taser to be a highly effective tool in controlling subjects, especially those who are highly motivated, under the influence of drugs or in an emotionally disturbed state. Research also shows the Taser lowers overall use of force and reduces officer and suspect injuries.

The Advanced Taser fires two probes up to 21 feet that transmit an 18-26-watt electrical pulse when making contact. This Taser is more accurate and reliable under high-stress environments and allows officers to remain focused, a key asset in any high-stress situation.

The study will consist of 35 predetermined officers who will be issued the X26 Advanced Taser for use in their daily activities. The study will last a minimum of three months with a possible extension relative to the number of utilizations. Each officer will be required to attend a four-hour training course before the issuance of the X26 Advanced Taser.

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